

**BOARD LETTER – SUMMARY SHEET
HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES CLUSTER**

AGENDA REVIEW	05/07/14
BOARD MEETING	05/20/14
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT	All SD
DEPARTMENT	Mental Health (MH)
SUBJECT	Approval to supersede three existing Agreements with the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles for Fiscal Years (FYs) 2013-14 through 2017-18
PROGRAM	HACoLA provides housing subsidies to DMH clients who meet the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) definition of homelessness while DMH provides supportive services. The tenant pays 30 percent of their income towards rent and the subsidy pays the remaining rent.
DEADLINES	One of the three Agreements is set to expire on May 31, 2014
COST & FUNDING	The estimated Total Compensation Amount for each FY is \$165,773 for the three Agreements, fully funded by the U.S. Department of HUD revenues.
PURPOSE OF REQUEST	Board approval will allow DMH to supersede three existing Agreements with HACoLA for the Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) program, fund a new Full Time Equivalent (FTE) ordinance position for the administrative oversight of the TBRA Program, and allow DMH to extend and/or renew existing Agreements, sign and execute new Agreements for DMH to accept new HUD funds from HACoLA for the maximum term of five years.
SUMMARY/ ISSUES (Briefly summarize program and potential issues or concerns. Identify changes, if any, to level of funding or staffing; how funding will be utilized and why best use; prior accomplishments; and for BLs involving contracts, also note changes to the contract term.)	<p>In the past, DMH has administered the contracts without receiving administrative funding from HACoLA. Since there has been an increase in program administration due to additional requirements, including extensive data entry into the HUD mandated Homeless Management Information System for all TBRA participants; the funding will allow DMH to hire a FTE staff to assist with the administration of the superseded Agreements.</p> <p>The superseded Agreements also require DMH to provide an in-kind match of supportive services. The supportive services provided by DMH include outreaching and engaging the homeless population that meets DMH eligibility criteria and assisting them with transitioning from homelessness to a permanent, affordable home. The Agreements will provide affordable housing subsidies to a minimum of 327 DMH clients and their families.</p>
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